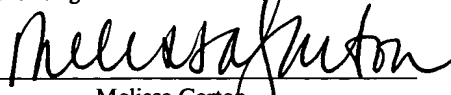


PATENT  
Docket No. 449122023600

**CERTIFICATE OF HAND DELIVERY**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being hand filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. on March 7, 2002.



Melissa Garton

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Franz HUTNER et al.

Serial No.: Not yet assigned

Filing Date: March 7, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INTERCHANGING DATA BETWEEN  
MODULES CONNECTED TO A  
COMMON BUS *(AS AMENDED)*

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

☒ With the application; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.

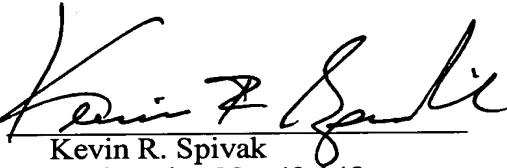
Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

The information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 is to the best of my knowledge and is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing 449122023600. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Dated: March 7, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
Kevin R. Spivak  
Registration No. 43,148

Morrison & Foerster LLP  
2000 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1888  
Telephone: (202) 887-6924  
Facsimile: (202) 263-8396

<b>Form PTO-1449</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>	Docket Number: <b>449122023600</b>	Application Number: <b>10/070535</b> New U.S. Application
Applicant: <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Franz HUTNER et al.</b></p>		
Filing Date: <b>March 7, 2002</b>		Group Art Unit: <b>Not yet assigned</b>

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Date	Document No.	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	1.	7/1979	4,161,779	Spencer et al.			
	2.	9/1991	5,051,946	Cubranich et al.			
	3.	5/1999	5,901,297	Fisch et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Date	Document No.	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation YES      NO	
	4.	3/1991	DE 39 28 481 A1	GERMANY				X
	5.	2/1995	DE 689 16 231 T2	GERMANY				X
	6.	8/1992	EP 0 497 054 A2	EUROPE			X	
	7.	9/1989	DE 39 05 478 A1	GERMANY				X

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

*(including author, title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Title

<b>EXAMINER: (examiner)</b>	<b>DATE CONSIDERED:</b>
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not the citation conforms with MPEP 609. Draw a line through the citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	